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# Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY  
BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## Marching Orders

We have little sympathy with military men who think it necessary to cultivate in the minds of our soldiers hatred of men in the enemy ranks. One may go forth to the protection of his country and human rights and to meet the misguided or enforced efforts of fellowmen, without nursing personal hatred. Most of those in enemy ranks are fighting only because they are under authority. This is borne out by a recently published note from a press correspondent who has been with the British Eighth Army in North Africa. He wrote:

"The picked men of the German Afrika Korps remain brave as long as they are fighting, but wilt once they surrender. Some give way to tears, and others chatter nervously about the terrific bombing they have taken for weeks. Most of them seem devout, some wearing crosses and others carrying Bibles. No matter what view a governmental regime may take toward religion, the hardships and dangers of war seem to make men turn toward it.

"On both sides of every fighting front are found copies of the Christian Scriptures—God's unchanging marching orders."—*Prophecy*.

## Going Up in Smoke

It was during the first World War that cigarette smoking in America got started on its phenomenal growth. The increase has been steady and rapid ever since, except for two temporary setbacks. These came with the little depression of 1919 and during the big depression of 1929. But beginning about 1934 the chart of cigarette consumption shows a sharply rising line, which since 1941 has been moving almost straight up. Last year saw more cigarettes, even more per capita, produced than ever before in history; and during the last two years the rate of increase has been greater than any time in the last 20 years.

Last year's U. S. production was 235,-838,696,675 tax-paid cigarettes, which is equivalent to 1,767 per capita, of the esti-

mated population. The non-tax cigarette production (roll-your-own-kind) is estimated at about a tenth of the tax paid output.

Several causes contribute to the rapid increase in cigarette consumption, the main one, perhaps, being the growth of the smoking habit among women since the last war. Another explanation is the increased national income and the widely distributed new buying power.

## Testament Stops Bullets

A New Testament was sent to a total stranger in the Coast Guard. This chap knew little or nothing of the New Testament but accepted a copy and agreed to carry it with him and read it.

Prior to receipt of the Testament he had seen considerable action and experienced several narrow escapes. The day following receipt of the Testament, in the course of what was intended to be routine duty, enemy action sent the two bullets into the Testament which was being carried in his breast pocket. The force of the "illegal" bullets which were used knocked him unconscious, but upon examination in a hospital it was determined that he was unhurt, although he experienced pain from the blow for days thereafter.

Having already been unnerved somewhat by previous "close shaves" he was completely overcome upon realizing what had taken place in this instance. He gladly accepted a replacement.

## Letter With \$450 Check Refused

When a Duxbury, Mass. man refused to pay one-cent postage due on a letter he received several days ago, it was returned to the Plymouth dead-letter office.

Postmaster William Goodwin disclosed that when the letter was opened, it contained a \$450 check. It will be returned to the sender in Boston.

Kindly reserve your criticism of the man who refused to pay one cent for the check-laden letter until you have answered this question:

"Have I received the message on which nothing is due and which offers me that which money cannot buy and works cannot secure, viz: Eternal Life?"

Here is the message: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

## THE THREE GATES

If you are tempted to reveal

A tale some one to you has told  
About another, make it pass

Before you speak, three gates of gold.

Three narrow gates; first, "Is it true?"

Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind  
Give truthful answer; and the next  
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"

And if to reach your lips at last

It passes through these gateways three  
Then you may tell, nor ever fear  
What the result of speech may be.  
—Selected.

"Heaven would be hell to an irreligious man. One who cannot stand a prayer meeting here would find no eternal satisfaction there."

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# Onesimus, the Runaway Slave

by T. J. JONES

The unprofitable made profitable—a story of sin and redemption.

Onesimus was a Phrygian slave of Philemon. Philemon lived in Colosse. (Col. 4:9; Phil. 2) His wife's name was Apphia, and Archippus was his son. He had been led to Christ through Paul's ministry. The assembly met in Philemon's house; perhaps under his leadership. He seems to have been in fairly comfortable circumstances.

Onesimus, the slave, had robbed his master and fled from the home. A runaway fugitive, he made his way to Rome, the capital city of the then known world, that great godless city filled with vanity, pomp, and glory, a regular cesspool of vice and sin. He sinks among the dregs of the city into greater debauchery.

Onesimus means profitable, helpful, useful; but his life belied his name. He was unprofitable, good for nothing, bad for everything. In Onesimus, we have a picture of the sinner, a slave to sin, a robber. We have robbed God, a runaway. "We have turned everyone to his own way."

In debt to his master, we are in debt to God.

He was unprofitable, although his name means the reverse. The sinful human race is said to be unprofitable in Romans 3: 11-23. Here is set forth the unprofitableness of the unconverted.

## II. The Change

How did it take place?

Onesimus meets Paul in Rome. Paul, a prisoner for Christ, is in chains, manacled for the gospel; "the aged" he calls himself.

We are left to conjecture here as to how the meeting between Onesimus and Paul took place. It may have been that Onesimus, because of further crimes, found himself incarcerated in a Roman dungeon. Wearied and sick of sin, he comes in contact with Paul the Apostle. Onesimus is converted in prison through Paul's instrumentality.

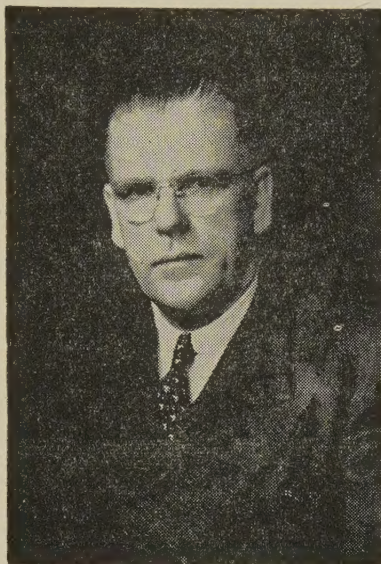
Verse 10 — "My child, Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds."

Onesimus is really born again. The only remedy for unprofitable humanity is to be born from above. It is only the gospel that makes the unprofitable profitable.

And here begins the disclosure of the

object of this little letter to Philemon. Paul pours out his heart to Philemon for the favorable reception of Onesimus. The fearful Onesimus is encouraged to return to his offended master, and Paul gives him this letter. To part with him was like tearing out Paul's heart, yet it *must* needs be. Onesimus belonged to Philemon, and restitution must follow conversion.

He goes back to Philemon, but not without this little note signed by Paul. "Receive him as that is mine own bowels."



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(Verse 12) If you count me a partner receive him as myself. Onesimus trusted Paul entirely to negotiate with his offended master, Philemon. Paul is in partnership with Philemon, and all Paul's merits are put down to Onesimus. The promise, verses 18-19 — "Put on my account all his demerit; I will settle everything." The word "impute" in Romans 5:13 gives us the same thought as "put it on my account, charge it to me." Paul becomes surety for Onesimus.

Here is the story of sin and redemption. Our sins have offended God, but, thanks be to God, there is a mediator between us and God. As Paul pled for Onesimus so Jesus pleads for us. Jesus is the partner in the Godhead. He is the "fellow" in Zech. 13:7. How truly it could be said of Christ that our sins were put to his account. "He was wounded for our transgressions." (Isa. 53) "Made sin for us."

(II Cor. 5:21) "Delivered for our offences." (Rom. 4:25)

Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Onesimus takes this letter signed by Paul to his offended master, Philemon. The reconciliation was left wholly to another. Onesimus goes back to Philemon, taking the note signed by Paul which secured for him a new relationship—a brother in Christ, a new walk, profitable who once was unprofitable.

This letter must have secured the forgiveness and favorable reception of Onesimus.

As Philemon received Onesimus on Paul's account, so God receives us and makes us what we never were before. (Eph. 2:10; 4:32. 1 John 2:12)

## STRANGE PEOPLE

People who talk about prayer, but who never pray.

People who say tithing is right, but who do not tithe.

People who wish to belong to the church, but who never attend or support the church.

People who say that a man reaps what he sows, and then sow sin, disloyalty, and disobedience.

People who make good salaries, and give nickels and dimes to the church.

People who say that the Bible is God's Word to man, and yet who do not read it.

People who say they believe in heavenly rewards, but who never do anything to gain such rewards.

People who say that eternity is of more importance than time, but who live for this present life only.

People who stay away from church for trivial reasons and then sing, "O How I Love Jesus."

People who repeat a scandalous rumor, while declaring they do not believe it is true.

People who follow the devil all their lives, but expect to go to heaven when they die.—Baptist Standard.



# Mrs. R. J. Craig Passes



1866-1943

*Founder of Glad Tidings Bible Institute*

Since their marriage on April 23, 1913, Brother and Sister Craig labored together in the work of the Lord in San Francisco. From a mission hall in a former saloon to the present large church which is Glad Tidings Temple they saw the Lord bless their efforts and prosper their work.

In those early years Sister Craig conducted evening Bible classes to teach the Word of God to new converts, and out of those early classes grew the Glad Tidings Bible Institute whose graduates are serving the Lord in the ministry the world over. The evening classes grew in attendance and interest until Sister Craig saw the need of and felt the burden for a Pentecostal school to train young people for the work of the Lord. Through labors long and hard she toiled in the kitchen and class room in the early days of the institution, and any young person who felt called of the Lord found an open door to the study of the Word there whether he was financially able to stand his expenses or not.

The last few years age and ill health prohibited her taking the active part in the school activities that she had in the former years, but her interest was unlagging, and her love for the work of the Lord undiminished.

On the evening of May 14, at 11:20 p.m. she slipped away to be with the Lord and to rest from her labors. The funeral was held in Glad Tidings Temple the afternoon of May 18 amid many lovely floral contributions and appropriate music

given by the Temple choir, women's quintette, and by Sister Keys. Pastor L. R. Keys officiated at the service. Others who spoke were Assistant Pastor Harry Warwick who had known her from his childhood, and Executive Presbyterian J. Narver Gortner who has been long associated with the work of the school, and District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond.

Brother Harry Warwick, whom Sister Craig thought of as a spiritual son and who has been closely associated with Sister Craig for years spoke at her funeral.

I count it a privilege to speak on this occasion individually and on behalf of our family, my father, mother, and brother. Brother and Sister Craig have meant a great deal to us.

In the years I have known Sister Craig, I have observed qualities in her that I have admired. She has been characterized by labor for the Lord, sacrifice, vision, and faithfulness. It was Sister Craig's vision that made this fine building possible; her sacrifice and Brother Craig's through years of labor. If there were struggles and problems for Brother Craig for years, Sister Craig has stood faithfully beside him.

The Scriptures say "blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." That is, happy are they. Perhaps at a funeral one should speak things that are touching and to move to tears, but I shall not. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. She is happy; she is there now. When Mr. Baxter was dying, a friend asked him how he was, and he replied, "I am getting well." A girl came to her mother in tears telling that she had looked into the nest and it was full of shells. She had seen a nest of speckled beautifully colored eggs, and now there were only broken shells. Her mother told her that the birds singing in the trees had come from the eggs. Death is like that—a broken shell, a broken body, and out of it emerges the glorified and singing saint of God.

"They rest from their labors" says the Scriptures. As I was thinking of what I should say today it occurred to me that this is the only way Sister Craig could get a rest from her labors—God had to take her. Sister Craig was cross at times;

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## At the Funeral of Sister Robert J. Craig

She has joined her husband yonder  
On that fair and fadeless shore,  
Where the saints no longer ponder  
Over problems as of yore;

Here she said, "Why did God take him?"—

Oft she said it with a sigh,  
And I said, "You'll find out some day."  
Now she knows the reason why.

She has joined him in the glory  
Of the promised land above;  
Here she often told the story  
Of the matchless Savior's love;

There she sees the face of Jesus  
And the forms of angels fair,  
Hears the songs of ransomed millions,  
And has joined those millions there.

Entered she through yonder portals  
Of the city of the sky,  
While we linger here, still mortals,  
But we'll join her by and by;

Wait we here a little longer,  
Where life's burdens must be borne,  
And to do the Master's bidding  
Till the breaking of the morn.

There will be no sin nor sorrow.  
Happy every ransomed soul;  
None be tried, nor trouble borrow,  
While the ages ceaseless roll;

Satan ne'er those courts can enter,  
Lack of love is there unknown,  
And the Lord of Light and Glory  
Sits as King upon His throne.

There we'll meet our friends departed,  
When our time shall come to go;  
Sometimes here we're broken-hearted,  
For this world is full of woe;

But we know that God is faithful:  
He will surely see us through;  
Strength He gives, and grace abundant;  
All His promises are true.

Sister Craig, your course is finished,  
And you've crossed the silent bar;  
Life is greater, not diminished,  
Since you've reached that land afar!

Soon your body will be lying  
'Neath the flowers and the sod,  
But 'twill rise to be united  
With your soul that's now with God

—J. NARVER GORTNER.



# Right Face

by MRS. J. H. CARVER Sunnyvale, Calif.

Let us consider the Scripture found in the eighth chapter of Ezekiel.

In the first verse we notice these words, "The hand of the Lord God fell there upon me." What marvelous words! How all important it is that the hand of God should be upon us as God's servants. How all important that we, as those who have been caused to sit in heavenly places, in marvelous light, be ever conscious of the hand of Omnipotence upon us. How vastly different is the ministry of those who through deep consecration press through the maze of carnality around them and touch as it were the very throne of God Himself. The hand of the Lord God—may it rest upon us in these days of Christ rejection.

It is well next to observe the results of this dynamic contact with Deity the first of which, summed up in the first three words in the second verse, "Then I beheld," is the opening of the spiritual eyes to behold spiritual truths, and even more, to behold and look upon the glory of God. Moses, the lawgiver, beheld His glory from the cleft of the rock. Peter and John and James saw His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. And may we in this twentieth century endeavor to be found in Him, and to be changed from glory unto glory.

The second result of the touch of God was the fact of the opening of his eyes to behold the secret door, or the true source of backslidden Israel's sin. The true source of sin today is hidden from the masses, being camouflaged or covered over by that which seemeth to be right in outward appearance. The enemy of all righteousness is not making manifest his cunning devices to the majority of mankind, but to those who have been enlightened his ways are made clear. Paul the apostle writes the admonition in 2 Cor. 2:11: "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." Let us keep our eyes anointed with eyesalve that we might keep our crowns and be able to fight the good fight of faith against the enemy of our souls.

The third result of the touch of God upon his life was the fact that he was able to ascertain the difference between *true*

and *false* worship. How many today are duped by outward ceremony as a substitute for the true worship of the heart. In verse eleven we read, "With every man his censer in his hand." Yes, there was plenty of service, and each had his censer, but the heart was full of abominations and horrible idolatries. Hours of service without a cleansed heart is but vain. Heb. 9:14—"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from *dead works* to serve the living God."

The very position of these worshipers as found in verse 16 denoted their uncleansed hearts and falsity of worship. We read these words, "Their backs were toward the temple of God." Let us contrast these words with those found in 1 Kings 8:30 where Solomon's dedicatory prayer is recorded, "And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray *toward* this place: and when thou hearest forgive." Oh, that our faces may be toward the true God and His Christ!

The words in 2 Chron. 29:6 are significantly true to this thought. "For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned their backs." Oh, that our worship may remain "in spirit and in truth," and that our eyes may always be turned toward His habitation. May it be said of us as is found in Heb. 11:27, "For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible."

Let us endeavor in these days of apostasy and darkness to keep ever conscious of His presence that we, like the prophet, may behold Him in His glory, see the true source of all evil, and keep the incense of true worship ever rising heavenward from our hearts unto Him who is worthy of all praise and glory.

John Fletcher stained the walls of his room by the breath of his prayers. His greeting to a friend was always: "Do I meet you praying?"

## New Testament In Four Wars

The *Bible Society Record* says that Harold H. Henderson, formerly a bank clerk in Sharpsville, Pa., is now with the Army Air Corps. He continually carries with him his greatly prized copy of the New Testament. His particular copy, besides being very useful for daily reading, also embodies an interesting tradition.

On September 14, 1861, at Union City, Pennsylvania, H. S. Holmes, a furniture manufacturer, purchased from the American Bible Society a service Testament, which he gave to Lucius H. Erskine, a young employee of his who was just then leaving for service with the cavalry in the Federal Army.

Young Erskine carried the book through four years of battle, and retained possession until January 14, 1898, when he, in turn, gave it to an employee and member of his family, Edson P. Erskine, who signed up as an infantryman in the Spanish-American War.

Edson Erskine carried the little book home with him from Cuba, and kept it until 1918, when, in keeping with the tradition, he turned it over to an employee, Marion L. Greenland, who went overseas as a member of the Engineer Corps, in World War I.

Home from France, the Testament was one of the prized possessions of Mr. Greenland, who hoped the book had changed hands for the last time.

That was twenty-four years ago, when Hitler was unheard of.

Last spring, when Harold Henderson signed up as an air cadet, he was presented with the book by Mr. Greenland, who was his employer in the bank of Sharpsville.

"Needless to say," writes the young airman to Mr. D. M. Howell, the Society's representative in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, "I am very proud to be the one who is to carry this sacred volume, and will do the best I can."

With cavalryman, infantryman, engineer, and now aviator, this Testament has well-nigh run the gamut of the services and the wars which the country has engaged in; and its owner has always come home again. Harold Henderson intends to bring the Testament home once more, and, he is confident, for keeps this time.



# News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ALAMO—Brother Herbert Brown held a revival meeting in April for Pastor W. Hurley.

ATWATER—A number of men and women were saved in a recent revival meeting with Evangelist Iola Wiseman of Oklahoma City. The pastor is Albert Ogle.

BURNEY—Pastor D. L. Brown reports that several have been saved during the past few months in their regular services.

COLFAX—John Hopcroft is the new pastor succeeding Brother and Sister C. V. Hummel. COLUSA—Dean T. J. Jones of G. T. B. I. held a series of meetings there for Pastor L. A. Dodson.

COVELO—The Lake and Mendocino district fellowship meeting was held there May 3. It was a blessed day for all who attended. Sister L. F. Wilson was the afternoon speaker, and the speaker in the evening service was Pastor Raymond Murray of Ukiah. Homer Thompson, pastor in Boonville, was made chairman of the young people in that section. H. L. Marlenee is the pastor.

DELHI—Evangelist Maurice Contreras held a very successful meeting there recently. A goodly number came to the Lord for salvation. P. C. Tacker is the pastor.

FAIRFIELD—Pastor Carl R. Tucker reports a very successful meeting with Evangelist Walter R. McDonald. About 18 were at the altar for salvation, and three were baptized in the Holy Ghost according to Bible pattern. The Sunday School record has been broken three times of late.

LOVELOCK, NEVADA—Sisters Bernice Schliecker and Irene Dennert are leaving Lovelock to go into evangelistic work for a time. Sister Schliecker opened the work there under the Home Missions program, and has laid a good foundation for someone to carry on.

MODESTO (BETHEL)—District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond was in Modesto Sunday, May 16, to take part in a Child and Home Conference, a Modesto Church Union service of the churches of the city, which service was held Sunday afternoon. He was the speaker at the morning service in Bethel Church, and it is reported that a very blessed time was had, the blessing of the Lord being manifest in a wonderful way. He also helped Pastor and Mrs. D. G. Weston celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary which was observed that day. In the evening Brother Thurmond was the speaker at The Assemblies of God Church, of which H. T. Langley is the pastor. The Lord's blessing was definitely present there, too. Many were touched of the Lord.

NORTH SACRAMENTO (Faith Tabernacle)—A dedication service was held there May 1, which was a splendid day of fellowship. Pastor Morse E. Hammond of Woodland brought the morning message, and District Presbyterian A. A. Lowe brought the afternoon message. District Secretary R. J. Renfroe

brought the dedicatory message, "My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer."

The Lord has helped the congregation to erect a lovely stucco church building and a fine parsonage on the same lot.

NORTH SACRAMENTO (The Friendly Church)—Brother and Sister R. A. Hicks who recently transferred into this district from the Southern California District, have taken over the work in North Sacramento, which work was started by Brother and Sister B. H. Givens. Brother and Sister Givens anticipate launching out into evangelistic work. They can be contacted at Route 2, Box 1676, Del Paso Heights, Calif.

OAKDALE—The North San Joaquin Valley District fellowship meeting was held there on May 3. It was a singularly blessed day for many. Pastor Carl Gunderson of Manteca was the speaker in the afternoon service. His message on "The Power of God" was splendid. In the evening service District Presbyterian Donald G. Weston brought a very fine message which was well received by the congregation which packed the church to such an extent that there was no room to move toward the altar, so folk prayed where they were. Offerings during the day were taken not only for Home Missions but also for service men's New Testaments. The total offerings for the day amounted to \$140.91, \$75 designated to go into the Home Missions fund and the balance toward the purchase of the New Testaments. Pastors—Marjorie Maddocks and Elizabeth Everton.

OAKLAND (First Pentecostal Church)—O. A. Dillingham, one of our licensed ministers, has been called to be full-time assistant pastor. H. S. Lehmann is the pastor.

PORTOLA—Evangelist O. A. Hart held a two weeks meeting there recently for Pastor H. M. Richardson. Improvements have been made on the building and the Sunday School attendance has increased.

SACRAMENTO (Sixth Street Mission)—Evangelist R. E. Henke held a revival meeting in May for Pastor Leslie Crosson in April.

RIVERBANK—Evangelist Iola Wiseman of Oklahoma conducted a revival meeting in May for Pastor Douglas Cooksey.

ST. HELENA—Pastor Jack Opie is resigning to do evangelistic work in the district.

SALINAS—Pastor Fred Reichert writes that they have had a very profitable meeting with Evangelist Oral A. Hart, followed by 5 nights with Wm. F. Gierke, Bible teacher. These services have been a splendid uplift to the Assembly.

SAN BRUNO—The Peninsula District fellowship meeting was held there May 10. Evangelist Adele F. Carmichael was the speaker at the Women's Missionary Council meeting. R. R. Carmichael, pastor of Calvary Temple, San Jose, was the speaker in the afternoon service. The evening service was a C. A. rally. Brother

T. J. Jones of G. T. B. I. was the speaker. The pastor is Frank E. Roubal.

SEASIDE—Brother Chas. Coffey of Kansas is the new pastor.

SUSANVILLE—Pastor W. A. McBride reports: "The fellowship meeting held in Susanville on May 3 was one of outstanding blessing. The church was packed to capacity, and the Spirit of the Lord especially rested upon the afternoon service. Sister Dennert of Lovelock, Nevada, was the afternoon speaker. She gave an inspiring message for the C. A.'s as this was their rally day. Evangelist Pinkston preached the evening message. The altars were lined with seekers, and two souls were saved. Others tarried for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost."

TRINIDAD—The Redwood District fellowship meeting was held at Trinidad May 3 with good attendance in evidence. Pastor James Merwin writes that a spirit of praise and worship prevailed throughout the meetings. Christ's Ambassador President Oliver D. Foth was the afternoon and evening speaker. God's blessings rested on the preaching of the Word.

TURLOCK—Pastor Allen J. Brown reports a very successful meeting with Sister Bernice Mast. Many children, average attendance 80 were present at the special meetings she conducted for them in the afternoons. Many of them were definitely converted, and the water baptismal service the closing night of the campaign found many of them following their Lord in baptism. The whole church was benefited by these meetings.

VACAVILLE—Evangelist Otteson held a revival meeting there for Pastor Lee Constance the latter part of April.

WILLOWS—Brother and Sister Richard E. Havner supplied for Pastor and Mrs. Vernon L. Klemin for six weeks while they had a leave of absence during March and April.

YUBA CITY—A report of Spring activities in Yuba City: A young people's rally was held there in March and had a very good attendance. Kenneth Haystead's message in the evening proved a real spiritual blessing to all.

Nicholas Pirolo held a week's meeting there in March. The prophetic message awakened the people, and it was good to renew the realization that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

The church has erected a large highway sign 10 x 20 feet, lettered in red, white, and blue between Camp Beale and town, with the name and address of the church on it. A number of soldiers have been aided in locating the church because of the sign, and a number of them have come to the altar for salvation.

Arrangements are being made for a series of tent meetings during the summer in order to reach the hundreds of soldiers from Camp Beale that throng the streets of Marysville and Yuba City.



# Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER

## STUDY XXXIII

### A GLIMPSE INTO THE ETERNAL STATE

#### Chapter 21:1-8

In this chapter we find ourselves on the other side of the millennium in the great eternity that lies beyond. The millennial reign of righteousness, commonly spoken of as the kingdom age, will be blessed, but it will come to a close. Here attention is called to four things:

#### I. The New Heaven and the New Earth

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth," or, the preceding heaven and the preceding earth, the *first* in relation to the *new* heaven and the *new* earth, "were passed away; and there was no more sea."

The ancients taught that there are three heavens: the atmosphere that surrounds the earth, the far-away region where the sun and stars shine, and that more distant place where God has His headquarters. It was up to this latter place, "the third heaven," that Paul was caught and heard words it was not lawful for him to utter (2 Cor. 12:2-4). Of course *this* heaven will never pass away. It is just as eternal as God is. The heaven that will pass away will be the atmosphere that surrounds the earth. In these aerial regions evil spirits have their abode. Satan is called "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2). This ocean of air that envelops the earth is laden with disease germs, and all of these germs must be destroyed.

There was an original earth that Peter speaks of as "the world that then was," and he tells us that "being overflowed with water," it "perished." He assures us that "the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire." And then he goes on to say that "we look for a new heaven and a new earth." (2 Peter 3:5-7)

The original earth was created in the dateless past. This creation is recorded in Gen. 1:1. It is believed by many that it was inhabited by a race of beings who existed before Adam was created, and that Satan at that time was the overlord of the

earth, and that when he fell, the inhabitants of the earth who were subject to him fell also, and that, as a result of their sin, the earth was overthrown. Some of these scholars have suggested that demons may be the disembodied spirits of these pre-adamites, and that this accounts for the fact that they now desire to embody themselves in human beings that they may again live in the flesh on the earth. Evidently a great catastrophe occurred between the first and second verses of Gen. 1. Rotherham renders verse 2 thus: "Now the earth had become waste and wild, and darkness was upon the face of the roaring deep." That the earth was not "waste" at the time it was created is certain. Compare the renderings in the R. V. of Gen. 1:2 with Isa. 45:18. In Gen. 1:2 we read, "And the earth was waste and void," whereas in Isa. 45:18 we read that "He created it not a waste." The same Hebrew word *tohu* is rendered "waste" in both passages. If the earth was not *tohu* at the time it was created, and it was afterwards found to be *tohu* it must have become *tohu* as the result of an unrecorded catastrophe. A Hebrew scholar who was formerly a Jewish rabbi has told me that Rotherham's rendering is absolutely correct—"Now the earth *had become* waste and wild," etc.

As "the world that then was" was overthrown, the earth *that now is* is doomed to perish, but in a different way; it will be destroyed by fire. This does not mean that the material that composes it will be annihilated. Material is indestructible; it simply changes form. "The heavens shall pass away with great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10) But out of the same material, after it shall have gone through this crucible, God will make "new heavens, and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." It was a vision of this new heaven and new earth that John saw.

John says, "There was no more sea." Under the conditions that now exist the oceans are not only useful: they are necessary. But conditions will have changed,

and will not require their existence then; and think of how many more inhabitants the earth will be capable of sustaining when, where there are now vast watery wastes, there shall be fertile plains. When God shall have remade the world there will be no deserts, no waste lands, no spot anywhere incapable of being inhabited.

#### II. The Holy City Coming Down Out Of Heaven

"And I John saw the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." This city is beautifully described as "the bride" a little farther on in this chapter. We are not to understand that it will not be a literal city. I am aware of the fact that some have scoffed at the idea of a literal city being meant. Albert Barnes says, "No man can suppose that this is literally true." I am not supposing, I am *believing*, that it is literally true. The blessing of the Lord is not pronounced upon those who *suppose*, but rather, upon those who *believe* what has been written in the Book. Things that were unbelievable, because unreasonable to the natural man, a generation or so ago, are now, as everybody knows, not only within the realm of the possible, but are matters of almost everyday experience; so some of us hesitate to say that some other things that now seem to be impossible may not be matters of common experience at some future day. Let us believe what God has caused to be written in His Word.

During this church age the Holy Spirit, of whom Eliezer is a type, is seeking in this far-off country a bride for the King's Son, and while the work of taking out from among the nations a people for His name is going on down here, our Lord is making ready a home for His bride up there. He will come one of these days that He may receive her unto Himself; it is important that He have a home to take her to. He said to His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). That place will undoubtedly be "the holy city" John saw in his vision; it is in process of being constructed at the present time, and will doubtless be finished when "the fulness of

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## NOTICE

The American National Insurance Company has made inquiry relative to Evangelist Herman J. Branscom who was last heard from on December 24, 1935, when he sent a Christmas card to his mother from Middletown, Calif. Anyone who may have known him or who knows his whereabouts now would be helpful to both the insurance company and the insured's mother, Mary E. Branscom, San Antonio, Texas, by advising the district office.

R. J. T.

## RETURNED MAIL

All mail addressed to the following people has been returned to the Secretary's office. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of the following people please let us know as soon as possible.

Russell Burton Clark, Box 188, Westwood

John and Gus Bogdis, 1513 - 36th Ave., Oakland

Orie F. Jones, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco

Muriel C. Wallace, 2129 A Street, Oroville

Geo. W. Bell, 2823 Devonshire Ave., Richmond

Wm. Skondeen, 611 Crawford St., Bakersfield

Mrs. Anne Prettyman, 3052 - 17th St., San Francisco

"There are nets that will not catch any fish because they need washing and mending."

If some Christians that have been complaining of their ministers, had said and acted less before men, and had applied themselves with all their might to cry to God for their ministers, they would have been much more in the way of success.

JONATHAN EDWARDS.

## PLEASE NOTE

Apparently we are not going to be over-staffed with help for camp meeting this year due to so many working. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please advise the district office by mail at once if you are planning to attend the camp meeting and can assist in the work of the dining room and kitchen. A good second cook is also needed.

R. J. T.

## Tentative Program for W.M.C. Meetings During Camp Meeting

*Everyone Welcome !!!*

Meetings will be held in the Council Building each afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock. Displays of handwork will be under the direction of Mrs. R. J. Renfroe, Assistant Director.

Tuesday, June 22—General get-together. Speakers will be announced in *Camp News*.

Wednesday, June 23—Subject: "Alaska"

Thursday, June 24—Subject: "The Indians of Northern California and Nevada"

Friday, June 25—Subject: "The Home Missions Field"

Saturday, June 26—Subject: To be announced later

Monday, June 28—Mrs. Ruben Wilson in charge; Shasta, East Bay and North Bay Districts participating.

Tuesday, June 29—Mrs. Paul Radley in charge; Redwood, North Sacramento and South Sacramento Districts participating.

Wednesday, June 30—Mrs. H. D. Byram in charge; Nevada, Coast Counties and Peninsula Districts participating.

Thursday, July 1—Mrs. D. G. Weston in charge; Lake and Mendocino, North San Joaquin and South San Joaquin Districts participating.

Friday, July 2—This service will be held in the Tabernacle at 2 p.m. Reports will be given of the year's work and a foreign missionary will be speaking.

## THE COMING TRIBULATION

a new book by Cecil J. Lowry, Principal of Southwestern Bible Institute, priced at 50c, will be an item in our Book Stall at the camp meeting this year, or it can be obtained by writing him direct at 2115 Belle Ave., Fort Worth, Texas. You will find this book not only interesting, but dealing with a timely subject of the end time and prophecy being fulfilled in our day.

We have been very happy because of the cooperation of the many churches that responded to the Easter Gospel appeal for the 200,000 Gospel portions of John that was sponsored by Evangelist Harry Jaeger, who is working among the thousands of service men, and is also a representative of the American Bible Society. Our check to the Society was \$769.80. The Northwest District raised \$700.00, the Oregon District \$200, and Springfield contributed \$400 toward the \$2,000 required. Any amount over will be used to pay for several thousands of additional Gospels which are being sent out, Brother Jaeger advised.

God bless you one and all, and may the Gospels be used to the salvation of many service men.

"Trial affords the greatest opportunity to witness for Christ by example."

He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must cross.

"A liar is a man who has no partition between his imagination and his information."

## Gladys Thomas

On May 1, 1943, Gladys Thomas, beloved wife of Joseph L. Thomas, pastor of the Assembly of God Tabernacle of Fortuna, was called to her reward in heaven. Mrs. Thomas had been ill with heart trouble for some years and had been bed-ridden for the last four weeks.

Most of the ministers of the Redwood Section, and a large number of friends attended the funeral services which were held in Fortuna with the Rev. J. W. Belchar officiating and preaching, and in the Eureka Church with Brother Belchar officiating and the Rev. R. J. Renfroe preaching.

Our entire district fellowship joins together in praying that the Great Comforter will fill the emptiness left in the hearts of the father and the children.



# District Council News

R. J. THURMOND, *Superintendent*

P. O. Box 393, St. Helena, Calif.

R. J. RENFROE, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## EASTER GOSPELS OVER THE TOP

We are thankful to be able to report that our Assemblies responded so well to the appeal to give \$700 toward the cost of 200,000 Easter Gospel portions for our men in the Armed Forces that the total offerings went way over the goal. The following list of churches and their offerings completes the report of this splendid response:

Previously reported .....	\$660.30
Auburn Full Gospel Tabernacle .....	5.00
Escalon Glad Tidings Assembly .....	7.00
Los Gatos Gospel Lighthouse .....	11.10
Manteca Glad Tidings Assembly .....	12.32
Mrs. Viola Griggs .....	1.03
Peninsula Section Fellowship— Centerville .....	38.05
Placerville Christ Ambassadors .....	10.00
Richmond Full Gospel Assembly .....	25.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$769.80</b>

## PRAY

In these days of global war and the consequent re-adjustments and maladjustments that have come into many lives, it is more necessary than ever that those who appreciate spiritual values and would put first things first, should pray for souls, that men and women find the Saviour before it is eternally too late.

It would be well to have a day of special prayer in behalf of the District Council and camp meeting that it be the blessing that it is intended it should be. It is suggested that Sunday, June 13, be a day specially to observe and pray for this need. A mighty Pentecostal outpouring is needed upon the church in these last days. Let us pray.

"Some preachers have a wealth of thought, others have a thought of wealth."

The Christian life is not an imitation of, but participation in Christ.

"Some people fail to recognize opportunity because it so often comes dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Service is love in working clothes.

## SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

June 7—Berkeley, Modesto (Beth-el), Reno, Nevada, Wil-lits, Weott

14—Hiway City, Redwood City, St. Helena

## DISTRICT CHANGES

### Transfers Into the District:

Phyllis Brown, Turlock, Calif., Exhorter, from North Central District.

Charles Coffey, Seaside, Calif., Licensed, from Kansas District.

Jesse Moore, Lamont, Calif., Ordained, from Oklahoma District.

J. P. Pinkston, Richmond, Calif., Ordained, from Oklahoma District.

Mrs. J. P. Pinkston, Richmond, Calif., Licensed, from Oklahoma District.

V. L. Vaughn, Live Oak, Calif., Ordained, from New Mexico District:

### Transfers Out of the District:

H. E. and Roxanna Alford, Ordained, to Southern California District.

Leona Goodpasture, Licensed, to Southern California District.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

All foreign missionaries planning on being on the Coast around July 4 are especially invited to the St. Helena camp meeting for a great missionary meeting the afternoon of Sunday, July 4, the closing day of the camp meeting. Please advise us of your coming. Accommodations will be provided.

R. J. THURMOND  
*District Superintendent*

June 14, 1943

Annual Camp Meeting Clean-up Day to get the tabernacle and dining hall ready, and to put up tents, fill straw ticks, etc. The North Bay fellowship meeting will be held at the evening service. There will be an afternoon service if work permits. Bring your sandwiches, cake, and salads. Hot drinks and a hot plate will be served as possible. Thanks.

## REPORT OF CHICAGO CONVENTION

It was a great pleasure for Brothers L. R. Keys, C. Ely Persing, and myself to attend the Constitutional Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals which convened in Chicago May 4 to 6, and to find delegates representing 64 denominations or bodies of people who hold the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, and who are thoroughly evangelical.

Over 500 delegates were in attendance, and amidst much prayer and willingness on the part of all for unity of mind and purpose, the organization was formed. Constitution and by-laws were adopted, authorization for incorporation given, and officers and board of administrators elected. Dr. Harold J. Ockenga was again elected to head the organization for the coming year. A grand banquet with 400 in attendance closed the convention.

Representatives of the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, Holiness, Assemblies of God, and others, are on the administrative board. Our representative is our General Secretary-Treasurer J. Roswell Flower of Springfield, Mo. Our organization had over 100 in attendance. There were 97 out to an Assemblies of God dinner at the Y.M.C. A. However, we were allowed only 42 delegates. Both Brother Keys and myself were appointed delegates.

A national weekly 8-page paper is to be published called the *United Evangelical Action*, and will cost \$1.00 per year. Subscriptions can be had through the district office or at the camp meeting. I would urge you to subscribe in order to keep in touch with the evangelical program throughout the nation.

The Assemblies of God is not regularly affiliated and cannot do so without sanction of the General Council, but it would seem advisable in the interest of a united front to the government in the interest of religious freedom, radio rights, home and foreign missions work, chaplaincy rights, entrance into army camps for religious services, etc.



Including all who were represented at the convention, a constituency of 2,000,000 were represented, it was stated; and it is hoped to bring this up to 10,000,000, and perhaps even more, through the future development in the not too far distant future.

Thank the Lord for the host of evangelicals in America who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; and though we, and other Pentecostal groups have a distinctive testimony and experience which has made a great host of Spirit-filled, power-for-witnessing believers, we can unite on a common ground of evangelism, the message of the Gospel of Grace, and the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. However, let us never lose our identity, but go forward with renewed zeal expecting greater things from God in these critical and uncertain times. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us.

—R. J. THURMOND

## Studies in Revelation

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the Gentiles shall have come in" (Rom. 11:25).

We are to go up at the time of the rapture; we are to come back at the time of the revelation; we are to reign with Christ on the earth during the thousand years of the reign of the Son of man; we are afterwards to depart from the earth for a little season, and during that little season Satan will be loosed out of his prison and will inaugurate his rebellion, his last revolt against God, and his hosts will be destroyed by fire; he will be consigned to the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone; then will take place the great White Throne Judgment; this will be followed by the renovation of the earth by fire; the new heaven and the new earth will come into existence; and then we shall not only come down again, but the holy city, the New Jerusalem, will come down, too; we shall come down in it, the last vestige of sin having been removed from the earth, the last trace of the curse having gone. Time will have ceased, and eternity will have begun. Glorious indeed is the prospect!

If you insist upon knowing how a city, a whole city, came down from God out of

heaven, you should ask God who has given us this marvelous revelation in His Word. How could Elijah have gone up in a chariot of fire, drawn by horses of fire, the heavenly vehicle and steeds borne upward to glory in a whirlwind? See 2 Kings 2:11. When you explain that to me from the viewpoint of the natural, perhaps I can endeavor to explain to you how a city can come down out of heaven from God.

### III. The Great Voice John Heard

Verses 3, 4. Note the seven facts that are here stated:

1. The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them.
2. They shall be His people.
3. God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.
4. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.
5. There shall be no more death.
6. Neither sorrow nor crying.
7. Neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

### IV. What He That Sat Upon The Throne Said

Verses 5-8. God is now speaking, and He is speaking with authority, for He is the King; He is sitting upon the throne, the throne of the universe. He is not "standing within the shadows," as Lowell says in his poem; He is *sitting* within the glory." "The Lord reigneth: let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof."

Notice the seven things "He that sat upon the throne" said:

1. "Behold, I make all things new." The regenerated believer is now a new creation in Christ Jesus; then the whole creation which has been so marred by sin will be remade.
2. "Write: for these words are true and faithful." What God has said can be absolutely depended upon; even though we may not be able to explain how certain things are to be brought about; if God has said that they shall come to pass, we should unhesitatingly believe that things "that are impossible with men are possible with God."
3. "It is done." God with whom it has been said there is neither past nor future, but always an eternal *now*, "calleth those things which be not as though they were" (Rom. 4:17).
4. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." This is true so far as

life and power and achievement and all else are concerned. The momentous events of our days, events concerning which we hear and read and think and speak, are but passing incidents in the working out of the divine plan of Him "who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." (Eph. 1:11)

5. "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." What a Giver God has been and is!

6. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son." One of the great promises of the Word, certainly it should incite us to do our utmost, through divine grace, to be overcomers.

7. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Let us study the various characters that are here classified, and ask ourselves, Have we any connection with or relation to these classes of condemned sinners? Terrible words these! If the promise of verse 7 is a great and inspiring promise, the warning of verse 8 which very fittingly follows the promise is a most tremendous and soul-arresting warning, that he who fails to heed fails to his everlasting regret and eternal sorrow.

## THE BAR

*The name of each saloon's a bar  
The fittest of its names by far.  
A bar to Heaven, a door to Hell;  
Whoever named it named it well.  
A bar to manliness and wealth,  
A door to want and broken health;  
A bar to honor, pride, and fame,  
A door to grief and sin and shame;  
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer,  
A door to darkness and despair;  
A bar to honored useful life,  
A door to brawling, senseless strife;  
A bar to all that's true and brave,  
A door to every drunkard's grave;  
A bar to joys that home imparts,  
A door to tears and aching hearts;  
A bar to Heaven, a door to Hell,  
Whoever named it, named it well.*

(By a convict in Joliet, Ill., prison.)

—Pentecostal Testimony.



# *Program*

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## Christ's Ambassadors

Eighth Annual Convention

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CAMPGROUND

St. Helena, California

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### ● JUNE 25 — FRIDAY

7:30 P.M.—Opening Rally

*Speaker:* Wm. E. Long—Special Convention Speaker

### ● JUNE 26 — SATURDAY

10:00 A.M.—Morning Service

*Speaker:* Wm. E. Long

2:30 P.M.—

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Election of District Officers

7:30 P.M.—Evening Service

*Speaker*—Wm. E. Long

### ● JUNE 27 — SUNDAY

10:00 A.M.—Morning Service

*Speaker*—R. J. Thurmond—District Superintendent

2:00 P.M.—Afternoon Service

*Speaker*—Wm. E. Long

7:30 P.M.—Evening Service

*Speaker*—Aaron Wilson, Camp Evangelist

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A Complete Program is scheduled for our young people during the Entire Camp !

Morning Roundtable Discussions    Evening Vespers    Fire Fagot Service

*Bring your Problems !*

*Bring your Praise !    Bring your Consecrations !*



# Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative  
Morgan Hill, California

NEWS! From the Gospel Publishing House, Brother Grable our General Sunday School Superintendent writes: "The summer season is soon upon us—the time of year when workers shall be in Vacation Bible Schools. Many times they will wish for an attractive sign and possibly lettering for workbooks, etc., and now we have just the thing!" It is a set of alphabet and numeral patterns; several different sizes. With them comes an attractive set of construction paper in various colors. The set sells for 30c each.

When you receive your set you can prolong the life of the patterns, Brother Grable tells me, by dipping the letters in boiled linseed oil, then wipe off the excess oil and let them dry.

Here is something else that you may be interested in, for every minister and Pentecostal family should have one in the office or home. It is the picture, "The Hope of a Nation." It is a picture of the Cross and the open Bible and our Flag arranged in a beautiful setting. The coloring is especially attractive, and will win your approval on sight.

On the back of the picture is a story of the painting which story was written by your Sunday School man.

The flag in itself, or our democracy, cannot stand unless it is backed by the principles of the Bible and the Cross.

If any of our Assemblies would be able to sell to the homes and business people of its constituency 100 of these pictures at 50c each, the manufacturer offers to give a church one of these pictures framed and masked free.

The pictures may be sold by an Assembly or Sunday School Class on the same basis as the Scripture Text Calendars. In other words, you send your order to the Gospel Publishing House with \$30.00 (your profit being \$20.00) and they will have the manufacturer send you your picture free.

If you as an assembly do not feel that you could place as many as one hundred pictures, you can order a smaller amount, twenty-five or fifty possibly. You would not receive the free picture but there would still be the same profit.

## FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

### Bible Game No. 3.

We will call this game "Bible Addition."

This would be a good game to play at a Sunday School picnic because quite a number can play.

To play Bible Addition, your group chooses sides. Each side forms a line as for a relay, facing each other.

You will need seven cardboard boxes for each side. The boxes must graduate in size. Tin cans can be used in place of boxes, or blocks of wood may be used. Open your Bible to our Bible Addition, 2 Peter 1:5-7, for this is the summary of our game.

Label the largest box for each side *Faith*. Label the next in size *Virtue*, the next *Knowledge*, the next *Temperance*, the fifth *Patience*, the sixth *Godliness*, the seventh *Brotherly Kindness*. That takes care of the seven boxes. Now get a small tin can or cup for each side and fill them

half full of water and label them *Charity*.

Each side has an assistant or captain who stands at the head of each line beside the pile of boxes. When the leader says, "Go," the assistant hands the largest box to the first member of his line and says, "Faith." The box is passed down the line and back as soon as possible. As one passes the box to another, he must also say, "Faith." When the first box comes back to the head of the line, the assistant places the second box on top of the first and says, "Add to your faith, virtue"; each one repeats the same phrase as he passes the two boxes to the following party.

The third box is placed on top of the other two and the password is, "Add to virtue, knowledge," and so on, until on top of all of them is placed the cup of water, and the password is finally "Add to brotherly kindness, charity." As soon as the complete stack of Bible Addition boxes and water returns to the assistant, and he

lays them down, he may repeat or read 2 Pet. 1:8 as a sign that his side has won.

If any of the boxes fall in the moving process, those nearest may replace them.

Any member of a side should not take the boxes until the former member repeats the proper addition phrase.

The secret of success in the game is in making slow sure movements.

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

If a little ray of sunshine  
Should cross your path today  
You are made a happier boy  
About your work and play.

Don't make an ugly shadow  
And be selfish with your joy;  
Ask God to help you share it  
With some other girl or boy.

If you girls can smile this morning  
Because your hearts are glad,  
Go ahead and spread your smiles  
'Cause lots of folks are sad.

They need that touch of sunshine  
More than a wealth of pearls;  
So may God keep you SMILING,  
His Christian boys and girls.

YOUR SISTER MAST

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER!

Plan now for your Summer Daily Vacation Bible School!

Make the best of this valuable opportunity for God and those boys and girls of your community!

## DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

JUNE 22nd to JULY 4th is our CAMP D.V.B.S. DATE!

It will be held as usual at the St. Helena Camp Meeting Grounds . . . and you will be there? GOOD! We'll be looking for you!

NOTE: Because of a shortage on such material—PLEASE bring your scissors to Camp with you. We won't be able to have any for you to buy this year.

If you desire not to meet the devil during the day, meet Jesus before dawn.

Be careful of your tongue; it's in a slippery place.



## W.M.C. REPORT

The following report came from Mrs. Addie Ellenwood, Women's Missionary Council president at First Pentecostal Church, Pacific Grove: "In a year's time we have sent seven Christmas boxes to missionaries in South America, Central America, and Alaska; and 10 boxes to home missionaries. These boxes contained comforters, sheets, pillow slips, towels, table cloths, dish towels, clothes pin bags, potholders, ladies' dresses and aprons, men's shirts, underwear, socks and hose. The ladies have made 21 comforters, 37 aprons, 19 dish towels, 18 clothespin bags, and many other useful articles, and have received the donation of 25 towels. The Council has been responsible for 184 visits to the sick and shutins, and their offerings and donations have amounted to \$70.24. Our group has 'adopted' 15 missionaries and their families for whom they work and pray. A large 'Missionary Chest' is kept in the church to receive the various articles brought in during the year and at present, since January, we have in the chest 25 aprons, 25 large bath towels, 16 sheets, and 18 pillow slips, and this month we are working for bedspreads. We are planning to send a box to camp meeting this year. We thank the Lord that He has enabled us to be of help to those laboring on the home and foreign fields."

### "'TIS BETTER SO"

*Given at the funeral service for  
Sister Craig*

The stars of night move in their course,  
And thus is brought to birth the dawn;  
From yon celestial sphere the day breaks  
forth,

And in his glory shines the sun.  
So in this world, as hath the poet said,  
"The stars go down to rise upon some  
other shore."

And who but will agree, 'tis better so.  
For in this world of war and gore,  
Is darkness, sin, and hate;  
But in the setting of our stars is promise  
of the day.

And since our loved ones are at home  
with God,  
We bow our heads and say, 'tis better so.  
LELAND R. KEYS.

"Hem your blessings with praise lest  
they unravel."

## G.T.B.I. ALUMNI

Arthur H. Bauer '32 writes just before leaving for Havana, Cuba, as follows:—"For the past better than ten years I have been in the ministry. Most of the time I labored in the Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church at East San Diego. For the past three years I have been teaching in the Berean Bible Institute also. Having received my Missionary Appointment last October, I am now leaving for Havana, Cuba."

Arthur Lindvall, Pastor at Cupertino, sends us a fine report of the work of Helen Boardman '41. He says: "Helen Boardman '41, has been working with us in Cupertino since the end of February. Since coming here she has organized Child Evangelism classes in two sections of the community and is reaching a number of children who have not been reached by our Sunday School as yet. From 30 to 35 children have been contacted through these classes. In an Intermediate Girls Bible Study group which meets once a week, Sister Boardman has from seven to ten girls. As a result of these Children's Bible Classes and house to house visitation our Sunday School has been growing steadily, and at present is averaging more than 50% higher than at the beginning of the year. Sister Boardman is also conducting a Child Evangelism class once a week in a neighboring community where there is no Full Gospel work. In this class there is an enrollment of fifteen, and the average attendance has been from ten to twelve children."

WM A. WEINMANN  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

### SISTER CRAIG

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for what do you think? She wanted to go into the kitchen and cook for the Institute—cook for the Institute! Of course, we couldn't allow her in her seventies to do this.

This is humorous and maybe out of place at a funeral, but I must speak of it. One evening I came to service, and as I stepped into the church I smelled wine, whiskey, or rum, I don't know which because I can't tell. It wasn't long before Sister Craig came and acknowledged her responsibility in the matter; she had reached into a man's pocket for the flask he carried in his hip pocket. (She did that often) and the bottle slipped from her fingers and broke on the floor. I visited

## THE TOWER OF BABEL AND THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

By DWIGHT C. RITCHIE

GOLDEN TEXT:

"If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:29.

On Shinar's plain there dwelt some folk  
Who sought for earthly fame,  
And built a city and a tower  
To make themselves a name.  
They hoped to get to Heaven by  
Their energy and skill,  
And take along their pomp and pride,  
Their sin and stubborn will.

But God was not desiring such  
Society above,  
For Heaven is a place for folk  
Whose hearts are full of love.  
And so the LORD came down and did  
Their language quite confound,  
And scattered them from Babel's tower  
To all the lands around.

In Abram God had found a friend  
Who loved to hear His voice,  
So called him into Canaan land  
And made of him His choice  
To be the father of the race  
Through which would come the Seed  
Who would the devil's power destroy,  
And make men free indeed.

God witnessed to the finished work  
Of His beloved Son,  
When on the Day of Pentecost  
He gave to every one  
Who had obeyed His parting words,  
The Spirit's sacred gift  
Of speaking in the tongues of men  
Who did from Babel drift.

Now all who will with Abram's faith  
Believe on Jesus' Name,  
(Not seeking by their works to win  
Their way to Heaven and fame)  
Are heirs of God with His dear Son  
To all in Heaven and earth;  
For Glory is not gained by towers,  
But by the second birth.

her a Thursday morning about a week ago, and she had rags of all colors, sizes, and descriptions. She asked me to guess what she was making. I was nonplussed. Then she told me that she was making a patch quilt for soldiers.

There isn't one of us that would take her back; she is with the Lord.



# Glad Tidings Bible Institute

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## SENIOR CLASS

The cream of the young people attend Glad Tidings; of course, I might be prejudiced. Each of the students is precious to my heart, each in his consecrated life has been a blessing in the Temple and will doubtless encourage many hearts as he enters the work of the Master.

I have asked Lee Backman, President of the Senior Class, to relate to you in a brief sketch his conversion and call to the ministry. His humble ways have inspired students to be more like the Master.

Three incidents have punctuated the development of my Christian life: experience of new birth, leaving home, and enrollment in Glad Tidings Bible Institute.

At an early age I detested the thought of church going because of uncomfortable feelings and ache which seemed to develop in my heart. But just before migrating from our dust blown home near Lemmon, South Dakota, we attended a Christian Youth Rally. My schoolmates persuaded and led me to the altar. I feared to class myself as a Christian because I didn't have the accompanying joy and peace that I thought a Christian should have. Though I didn't receive all God had for me, nevertheless, it was an appetizer. For three months I read and studied the New Testament hoping to find where I missed the plan of God. On a chilly evening in August 1935, I knelt and surrendered my life completely to God in Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. All doubts were gone, praise God! I knew my name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life. I also had the privilege of helping my parents to find Christ.

After graduating from high school, I left home to make my own way in the world. Many new temptations enticed me that never prowled near my Christian home. But the new-birth experience and empowerment of the Holy Spirit proved concrete. The occupation I chose led me into a smoky shop, and later into the hot dusty Columbia River Basin near Pasco, Washington. About a year later I was

sailing home on the U. S. Baranoff from Anchorage purposing to devote my life to the ministry.

Two years have passed since then, and graduation will usher us into the needy fields which are already white for harvest. I esteem it a high privilege to be a minister of the gospel, to have attended Glad Tidings Bible Institute, and to graduate as the president of the Senior Class.

LB

We are reminded of Christ whenever we converse with Edith Brown, vice president of the Senior Class. Could more be said?

John 9:4: "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

It is with a grateful heart that I say I have had the privilege of being raised in a Christian home. When but a very small child I gave my heart to the Lord Jesus while kneeling at the family altar. It has been the Christian training and constant prayers of my godly parents that have kept me from the snares and temptations of the world. Thank God for Christian parents.

Although I have never gone deeply into sin as many other young people of my age probably have, I have seen and tasted just enough of it to know that it does not satisfy, but I have found Jesus Christ to be my satisfying portion.

While I was attending high school, the Lord seemed to be dealing with me about giving my life completely into His service. The urge became so great that I began to earnestly seek the face of the Lord, and soon after when I laid my own selfish desires and ambitions upon the altar, He opened a way for me to attend Glad Tidings Bible Institute. I do not believe a greater privilege could have been given me. The Lord has been so real and precious to me during these two years of Bible training and the conviction of the need of bringing a lost and dying world to the Savior grows even greater. May I ever be faithful.

EB

## BIBLE SCHOOL

Five or six years ago we, the students of G.T.B.I., were mere boisterous freshmen entering high school. Life seemed a rosy dream. We were through with childhood days and were now young men and women just starting on our way toward the future—a future that contained all our dreams, ambitions, and wildest nightmares! What courses should we choose in high school? Grandma would say, "I think Johnnie should be a mechanic," or, "I am sure little Suzie would make an ideal school teacher." Then proud mamma would say, "Oh, Johnnie should go to college, he would make an intelligent chemist; he is always pulling something apart or mixing things together in order to see what will happen," or, "Suzie is going to be a nurse. I have always longed to be a career woman, so I shall see that my daughter has all the opportunities."

Little did we dream that near the end of our high school days, war, a second World War, would spring up and mar the future that had looked so bright, the future which we spent four years studying to achieve. Little did we realize that men would be dying on every hand in an effort to maintain for us the democracy that has so long existed, and is now hanging in the balances. We just took it for granted that everything we wanted to do, every place we wanted to go would open up before us, and our desires would be granted.

Graduation night for some was a happy-go-lucky occasion. High school was over, and they could start with a good job, make high wages, and spend them as their hearts desired. For others it was a sad occasion. They were leaving behind memories, cherished friends and acquaintances, teachers who had often helped them over rough places, and they now had to make decisions that would either be the biggest mistakes in their lives or the greatest blessings. Those decisions were—Where am I going now? What am I going to do?

In some cases, college was chosen, others, nursing careers, still others settled in defense jobs, but some of us came to



Bible School. Possibly we fought and argued with ourselves and against the Lord before we finally gave in. Maybe a year or two slipped by before the final decision was made. But now—here we are!

The first decision, "Where am I going now?" was made, but there still remains an unanswered question, "What am I going to do?" Some in our student body have calls to various places such as South America, Jerusalem, Africa, China. Others have calls to pastoral work, some into the evangelistic field. But, are we making the most of our Bible School days? Are we preparing ourselves properly for the field to which God has called us? There is a poem that reads like this:

"All things come to those who wait,  
But here's a plan that's slicker,  
The one who goes for what he wants  
Will get it all the quicker."

How true that is in our Christian lives! God has called us to be a chosen people, set apart for His service. Therefore, He does not intend us to inadvertently follow the crowd and get just an idea of what is going on. He expects us to apply ourselves to the task and to run with patience the race that is set before us.

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Glad Tidings Bible Institute  
**Commencement Exercises**

Friday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

**BACCALAUREATE SERMON**

J. Narver Gortner

Saturday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.

**COMMENCEMENT NIGHT**

**Alumni Events**

ALUMNI NIGHTS, June 15, 16, 17  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

ALUMNI SPEAKERS

Glad Tidings Temple

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Evangelist P. E. ROBINSON held a revival meeting in Caruthers in April for Pastor H. W. Brock.

Evangelist HAZEL YOUNGMAN held a meeting recently in Dayville, Oregon, for Pastor John Hauck.

**Institute Representatives**

During the months of June, July, and August, Harry C. Warwick and Charles Orville Smith, members of the faculty of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, will be in the field visiting churches in the district, and speaking about the Institute. Openings for these two brethren will be appreciated by the Institute.

**Annual Banquet and Business Meeting**

Saturday, June 19

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Glad Tidings Bible Institute  
1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco

Price: 75c

WELCOME TO ALL ALUMNI

**ON THE AIR**

KYA, San Francisco, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sunday

Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco  
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month.  
Pastor L. R. Keys.

KLS, Oakland, 1310 kc. 4:30-5:00 p.m. Sunday  
Richmond Full Gospel Assembly Hour  
Pastor C. E. Persing

KLS, Oakland, 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday  
Hull Harmonizers

KLX, Oakland, 910 kc.  
"The Voice of Faith" by J. C. Nelson  
Every Sunday, 4:15-4:45 p.m.

KROW, Oakland, 12:00 noon Sunday  
Temple Church program  
Pastor E. Wm. Anderson

KROW, Oakland, 960 kc.  
5:30 Sundays  
"Rock of Ages" program under direction of  
Pastor O. L. Foth  
Tabernacle of God, Oakland.

KGDM, Stockton, 1130 kc.  
6:00 to 6:15 a.m. Thursday  
"Golden Daybreak Hour" under direction  
of Pastor and Mrs. Stanley McPherson, also  
4:00 to 4:40 p.m. Sunday "Gospel Broad-  
casters"

KWG, Stockton, 1200 kc., Sunday  
9:10 a.m. and 9:45 p.m.  
Calvary Tabernacle Program  
Stockton, Calif.  
Pastor E. O. Robeck

KWG, Stockton, 1200 kc.  
"Voice of the Cross" directed by Pastor Floyd  
W. Thomas, Tracy, Calif.  
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday  
"Glad Tidings Hour" with Pastor A. B.  
League of Escalon.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, and 4:15  
p.m. Sunday  
Pastor H. T. Langley of Modesto Assembly  
of God Church.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Saturday  
Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of  
Modesto.

KTRB, Modesto, 1:45 p.m. Sunday  
Pastor Allen J. Brown of Bethel Temple,  
Turlock

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.  
9:00 p.m. Wednesday  
"Calvary's Messengers" under direction of  
Pastor M. P. Bohnet of Assembly of God  
Gospel Tabernacle, Santa Rosa.

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Sundays  
"Gospel Light Program"  
Petaluma Assembly of God, T. B. Don  
Carlos, Pastor.

KMYC, Yuba City, 1450 kc.  
Sunday evening service, 8:30 to 9:00  
Pastor C. E. Lebeck of Yuba City Calvary  
Tabernacle.

KENO, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1400 kc.  
5:14 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays  
"On the Air" with Pastor James A. Duguid  
of Las Vegas Assembly of God.

God does not expect us to "turn the world upside down," but He does want us to "keep ourselves right side up."

"If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day." MARTIN LUTHER

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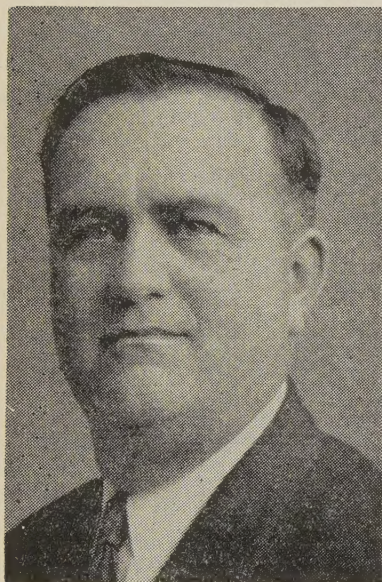
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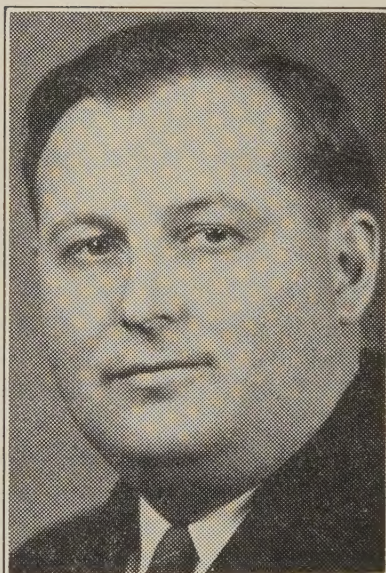
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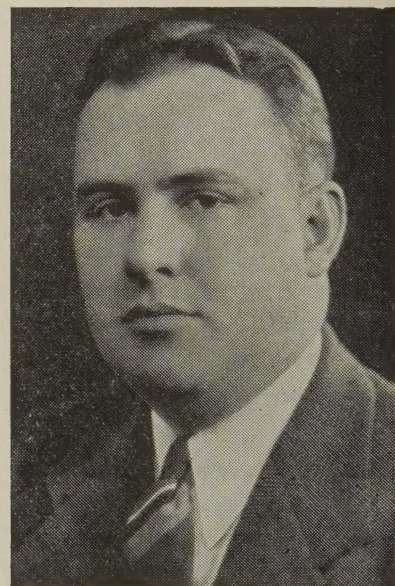
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